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Remarks

This request for continued examination includes an amendment to the claims and remarks that are believed to put this case in condition for allowance. Claims 1-7 and 9-15 were pending when a final action was entered on August 6, 2003. New claims 16-19 are added herein.

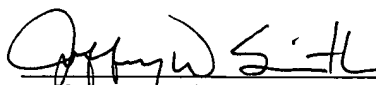
In essence, all of the previously pending and new claims include a description of the pad as improving the transfer of a tensile load from the geosynthetic material to the segmental wall by at least 14%. Support for this can be found throughout the specification and in particular reports of testing from pages 6 to 15.

Claims 17-19 are dependent claims reciting a pad that is formed integrally with a block. This embodiment is disclosed at page 5, lines 5 to 9. No new matter is believed to be added by this amendment.

Conclusion

None of the prior art of record disclosed a pad for use in segmental block wall construction or a method of building such a wall with a pad, as claimed. Thus, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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